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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois Route 75 is an east-west road in  
3 north-central Illinois stretching over 40 miles through  
4 Stephenson and Winnebago Counties; Highway 75 runs from  
5 Freeport to the Wisconsin state line southeast of Beloit,  
6 Wisconsin; and

7 WHEREAS, An effort to dedicate Highway 75 in its entirety  
8 as the Purple Heart Trail in honor of wounded and deceased  
9 veterans has been undertaken by The American Legion Gold Post  
10 676 in Durand; and

11 WHEREAS, The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the  
12 President of the United States to any member of the Armed  
13 Forces or any civilian national of the United States who, while  
14 serving under competent authority in any capacity with one of  
15 the U.S. Armed Services after April 5, 1917 has been wounded,  
16 killed, or who has died or may hereafter die after being  
17 wounded; and

18 WHEREAS, In honor of the ultimate sacrifice paid by so many  
19 of our troops throughout history, it is fitting to dedicate  
20 Highway 75 as the Purple Heart Trail as a humble gesture of  
21 thanks for the freedoms we enjoy on a daily basis; and

1           WHEREAS, In accordance with the words spoken over the  
2 fallen at Gettysburg by a former representative from Illinois,  
3 let us "never forget" our fallen heroes; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
6 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Highway 75 as the  
7 Purple Heart Trail; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
9 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
10 State regulations, plaques or signs giving notice of the name;  
11 and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
13 presented to the Illinois Secretary of Transportation and The  
14 American Legion Gold Star Post 676.